

Today

Kaiser, Lenin, Rosa.
Pullman and Express Stocks.
Pray for McAdoo—
T. R. Monkey Wrench.

The Post thinks that "Roosevelt's stay here may be prolonged by Wilson's invitation."

Without claim to any special Riley Grannon second sight, we wish to state that Roosevelt's presence here will be about as welcome as that of a monkey-wrench in the middle of one of Brother McLean's octuple presses running at high speed.

Gentlemen like Mr. Roosevelt, thinking more about votes in 1920 than helping the country in 1918, should do their campaigning outside of this city. But if Mr. Roosevelt thinks that he must come and take the place of picketing suffragettes, let him come. It will not pay him in the end.

Brigands working under Villa, regular soldiers attached to Carranza unite in robbing their fellow citizens.

Mormons complain that women as well as cattle have been stolen from them—miserable peons are dying of hunger complicated by the cold wave.

Mexico is enjoying herself giving a little imitation of Russian anarchy.

Secretary McAdoo, talking to newspaper men about his new job as railroad manager, said as they left, "Good-by, gentlemen, pray for the Government director of the railroads."

Well may he ask for prayers. He has a job that no man need envy.

To be responsible for the country's railroads, withstanding the influences, open and secret, of stock gamblers, corporation lawyers, labor unions, shippers, sellers of materials, etc., is not a job to be envied by a sane man.

Daniel in the lion's den, when they dropped him through the hole in the top and he struck on his feet, is about the only man who could tell you how McAdoo ought to feel today.

What will happen to Pullman cars and the Pullman Car Company under Government control of railroads? Will the Government continue to drag the Pullman cars free and let the company take one hundred per cent of the receipts? That is a question that ought to interest one little group of stockholders.

And what about the express companies? Under private ownership of railroads the private individual managing the railroad could perfectly well be an owner of Pullman Company stock or an owner of express company stock—and often he was.

Hence the people, the taxpayers, renting cars to carry the mail owned by the people, had the pleasure of paying about twice as much for a car as the express company when it—a private corporation—rented cars from the railroad, another private corporation.

What is going to happen to express companies under Mr. McAdoo's arrangement? Is he going to allow them to pay half as much for the use of cars as the post-office pays?

That is another question that will interest another little group of stockholders and stock gamblers.

In the Russian situation something interesting is the fact that the ignorant peasants of Russia think that they are negotiating with the German Emperor only for peace and happiness. And at the same time, Lenin, the gentleman that rules Russia at this moment, is negotiating with the German Emperor for the release from prison of his dear lady friend, Rosa Luxemburg. It is a very queer world, as Adam probably said when he counted and found one rib missing.

Russia is a pleasant thing for the Prussians to play with. In all history there has been nothing more amusing, or more tragic—it depends on how you look at it—the part that Russia now plays in history.

A little gentleman named Lenin, with a pork-marked face, acts as peace arbitrator in one of the great moments of the world's history. Some people say that he got three millions of dollars from Germany. Others say that he is a sincere enthusiast. Perhaps it is about half and half.

The known fact is that he is deeply in love with a young Jewish woman named Rosa Luxemburg. They lived very near each other in Switzerland before it was safe for Lenin to go to Russia.

Rosa Luxemburg taught Lenin to think.

At present Lenin is the dictator of Russia, and Rosa Luxemburg is locked up by the Kaiser in a Prussian prison.

Those that like to study little things may ask themselves, "What will the Kaiser get for letting Rosa Luxemburg go free, and rejoin her friend with the spotted face? How big a part does this young woman in the Prussian jail play in the history of the world at this moment?"

WEATHER:
FAIR; CONTINUED COLD
TODAY AND
TOMORROW.

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KAISER AUTHORIZES CHANCELLOR TO SEEK PEACE

TWO BROUGHT HERE, ACCUSED OF HOLDING UP MESSENGER

Additional Charge of Bigamy May Be Placed Against One. Woman Also Held for Investigation by Police.

Charged with assault and robbery, Orville Cook and Joseph Melvin Carroll, alias Frank Marson, arrested on the Baltimore-Washington boulevard after a pistol battle with detectives, were brought to Washington today from Baltimore to face William Nobbe, seventeen-year-old messenger for Chandler & Chandler, local attorneys, who was held up and robbed of \$800 of his employers' money yesterday.

Cook, who was wounded in the battle with the detectives, is at Emergency Hospital. Carroll, or Marson, is held at the First precinct police station. Susie Aurelia Tyrell, of 1842 E street northeast, who was with the men at the time of their arrest, is being held for investigation.

Bigamy Charge.
Inspector Grant stated today an additional charge of bigamy may be lodged against Cook, and Carroll will be charged with desertion from the Third regiment, District National Guard, at Camp Mills, Minnesota, L. I. When Detective Kelly and O'Dea, and Police Chief Walter, arrested Cook and Carroll after they had spent a night of terror along the automobile boulevard, near Haleshorpe, Md., firing at everything in sight, a certificate of marriage to Susie Aurelia Tyrell, of 1842 E street northeast, was found in Cook's pocket, Kelly declares. The certificate was but a few days old. Cook is said to have a wife living at 65 E street northwest.

Police Get Confession.
Kelly declares he has secured from Carroll a part confession of the messenger's hold-up, which took place yesterday at noon in Cook's offices in the LeDroit building, Eighth and F streets northwest.

"We both had guns," Carroll is alleged to have said. "I told Nobbe with his own necktie and grabbed the money."

But \$175 was recovered from the pockets of the two men. They spent a big sum in Baltimore before their

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8 KNOWN DEAD, 25 ARE INJURED, IN B. & O. CRASH

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Dec. 30.—Eight persons are known to be dead today as a result of a head-on collision of two passenger trains on the Baltimore and Ohio railway near here last night.

The number of injured is estimated at between twenty and twenty-five. The injured include Conductor D. P. Shaver, of train No. 2, and Conductor P. J. McEvilly, both of Cincinnati, and S. Boyles, an engineer, of Cincinnati. Among those in the wreck was Corp. Harry C. Collins, of Camp Meade, Md. The bodies recovered were taken to North Vernon, and the injured to Seymour. A special train carrying physicians was rushed from Cincinnati.

The low temperature, 10 degrees below zero, added to the horror, and some of those injured almost perished from the cold.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN LOST; ONLY 12 LEFT

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received here today from West Jutland tell of the loss in the North sea of a German Zeppelin and a seaplane accompanying it. The Zeppelin, in flames, fell into the sea, and apparently all aboard were lost.

If the foregoing dispatch is authentic, this would reduce the number of Zeppelins still in operation to only twelve, according to British estimates.

FROM ERRAND BOY TO Transportation Head Of U. S. Railroads

That is the story of Alfred H. Smith, who becomes one of McAdoo's chief assistants in his new task.



ALFRED H. SMITH.

From messenger boy in the old Lake Shore railroad offices at Cleveland, Ohio, to transportation director of the most important section of the United States railroad—that's the romantic career of Alfred H. Smith.

When Smith, now president of the New York Central lines—regarded as one of the best managed systems in the country—was called into service by Director General McAdoo, he looked back on the following procession of advancement:

From errand boy to laborer to foreman of a track gang up to 1890; then—after studying railroading—from various division superintendencies to general superintendent of the New York Central in 1902; general manager in 1904; then vice president, and from 1914 to date, president of the road.

U.S. IN RAILWAY BUSINESS TO STAY

The United States Government is in the railroad business to stay, according to conviction voiced today by railroad executives, labor leaders, and Administration officials.

The second day of Director General McAdoo's administration of the roads has convinced their executives he plans to create an organization, the financial construction of which will prevent the roads ever returning to private operation.

This conviction dominated railroad and Congressional circles as McAdoo began his gigantic task of wresting war freight from congested terminals. The railroad presidents' belief that eventual Government ownership is certain was seen first in the announcement that they have refused the demands of the brotherhoods for wage increases, passing this problem up to President Wilson.

What One Authority Says.
Later, in an interview, one of the highest railroad authorities in the country admitted that the lines will never return to private operation again. This authority expressed the rail executives' views as follows: That McAdoo's financing plan—through a Government corporation to buy and sell bonds—will constitute a structure which can never be untangled so as to permit resumption of private railroad operation.

"That Government ownership is wanted by the stockholders, and will not prove disastrous unless McAdoo operates the system with politicians. That in paying the employees higher wages the Government will face a deficit at the end of the fiscal year. That the railroad chiefs feel somewhat humiliated by McAdoo's plan for sweeping control."

Equipment Pooling Ordered.
The immediate pooling of all railroad equipment has been ordered by Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

In formal notification to all railroads, he has also directed that all systems "shall be operated as one national system of transportation."

At the same time he announced his

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CAPITAL MAN BALKS PLOT, FIRST ARREST FOR TREASON

Naturalized German indicted for Mutilating Torpedoes. Lieutenant Shea Foils Traitor's Plans.

Charged with having tampered with vital apparatus, the bearings of torpedoes intended for American warships, Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, is in jail in New York, the first man in the country to be held on a formal indictment of treason since the United States entered the war.

To Lieut. Francis Leo Shea, a Washington boy and an Annapolis graduate, goes the credit for having discovered the plot that might have resulted in destruction of American warships by their own torpedoes. Hennig was foreman of the gyroscopic department of the Bliss Torpedo Company, in Brooklyn.

So ingenious was the traitorous work he is alleged to have carried on that only under microscopic examination was some of it discovered.

Hennig put emery in the bearings of the delicate machinery which guides the torpedo on its course, according to evidence obtained against him. He mutilated other pieces of the machinery.

Torpedoes Would Swerve.

Fine lines were scratched on delicate workings that would cause a torpedo to veer far from its course, and thus spare some German ship. How long Hennig has been carrying on his work is not known, but he has been under surveillance for the past two weeks. Yesterday the indictment charging treason was returned against him, and today it became public when Hennig was arraigned.

The penalty is death, \$10,000 fine or five years' imprisonment. The district attorney is prepared to demand the extreme penalty.

Well Known Here.

Lieutenant Shea, who uncovered the treason plot which might have destroyed American warships through defective torpedoes, is known to a host of friends in this city. He was born here January 5, 1888, and attended the Force School, and later was graduated from Central High School.

He was appointed to the Naval Academy May 13, 1905, and soon thereafter was publicly commended by Secretary of the Navy Newberry and awarded a gold medal for bravery in jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Chicago and rescuing a shipmate from drowning. Shortly after graduating he saved a lieutenant from drowning in Hampton Roads and won a Carnegie medal. He was commended a third time for bravery for his conduct when the U. S. S. Memphis was lost on the rocks off Santo Domingo last year.

Hennig was naturalized in 1916, two years after the outbreak of the European war. Authorities believe he took this step as part of his plan to avoid internment and work as an agent of Germany in event of America entering the war.

How Hennig Worked.
His treachery was made possible by the fact that extra parts must be provided for the gyroscopes of the torpedoes. The originals become affected by exposure. The extra parts are packed in vaseline in glass jars. These parts came first to Hennig in the past they have been approved by Government inspectors merely checking the number of parts.

Shea, however, having suspected Hennig, ordered every jar opened. The delicate parts of the gyroscopes were taken out, the vaseline removed, and each one examined. Emery was found in the bearings of some. Others were put under the microscope and the tell tale scratches loomed up. Hennig was arrested at his home today, and held without bail. When arraigned he pleaded not guilty, but was remanded without bail pending a hearing set for January 2.

SATO RECALLED, SAYS EMBASSY

The State Department today received official confirmation of the rumor that Ambassador Sato, of Japan, has been recalled, according to the secretary of the Japanese embassy here.

Ambassador Sato is now on his way to Japan on personal business, but will return to Washington and remain in charge until his successor is named.

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D. C. Boy Second In Command of U. S. S. Fanning Which Captured U-Boat Crew

Official Pictures of the Sinking of the U-Boat, Never Before Published, on Page Two.



LIEUT. GEORGE H. FORT. He is the son of Assistant United States Treasurer George Fort, of 2817 Q street northwest.

SOLDIERS MAY DELIVER COAL IN DISTRICT AS BELOW-ZERO WEATHER BRINGS SUFFERING

WASHINGTON HITS ZERO; COLDEST DAY IN LAST FIVE YEARS

Today is the coldest day the National Capital has experienced in five years. The mercury fell below zero. The temperature reached the record low mark of 1917 at 5 o'clock this morning, when the Weather Bureau's official thermometer registered 3 degrees below zero. The cold wave holding the city in its grasp is due to continue until after New Year Day, according to the Weather Bureau.

With the bitter weather has come suffering. With the mercury hovering around zero the city's charities are receiving hundreds of appeals from destitute families. Record low temperatures and snow have added to the thickness of the ice on the Potomac. River navigation is checked for at least two weeks, said rivermen today. One boat a week will attempt to ply between Baltimore and Washington. The steamer will leave here on Monday and leave Baltimore on Saturday. More than an inch of new ice was formed on the river last night. The steamer Three Rivers, due to leave here at 1 o'clock yesterday, was held up.

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Woman to Be Sent To Explain Position Of U. S. to Swiss

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—To place the position of this country fully before the people of Switzerland, Mrs. Norman Whitehouse has been chosen by the Administration to go to that country to direct a campaign under the direction of the Committee on Public Information.

She will initiate an elaborate educational work and part of her duty will be to make speeches and distribute literature.

Mrs. Whitehouse was selected for this important task because of her great success in this State's recent successful suffrage campaign.

PRESIDENT HALTS ARMY EXECUTIONS BY COURT-MARTIAL

No condemned American soldiers, except those in the expeditionary forces abroad, are to be executed until the findings of the courts-martial have been reviewed by the War Department.

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SITUATION ACUTE HERE, FUEL HEADS INFORM PUBLIC

Today's forecast: "Fair and continued cold tonight. Monday fair and cold. Minimum temperature about zero. Light winds."

Military forces of the United States will soon be called upon to move coal for the people of Washington. It was confidently predicted today by an official who is in close touch with the fuel and food delivery situation.

American soldiers, sailors and marines acting as drivers of coal wagons not only here, but all over the country, will soon form the solution of the problem of transportation, it is believed.

Suffering Is Acute.
Intense suffering due to the zero weather and the limited amount of fuel in the best homes of Washington made the situation acute today. The number of cases reported to the charity organizations of Washington of shivering in homes forced the prediction that the Capital may face an epidemic of disease brought on by the coal situation unless drastic measures are immediately adopted to bring relief.

2,500 Tons Tomorrow.
Washington will have 2,500 tons of soft coal for immediate distribution tomorrow morning. Soft coal can be used for fuel in stoves of large size. With a little experimentation it can be used in any size stove for heating purposes. It should be used by everyone in times like these.

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WAR LORD ABDICATES RIGHT TO FIX TERMS

First Move by German Emperor to Comply With Allies' Basic Demand to Treat With Responsible Party.

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—A report was received here from Berlin tonight that the Kaiser has devolved upon Chancellor Hertling the right to make peace.

This reported surrendering of the Kaiser's constitutional right, coupled with America's stand, is said to have cast a glow over Berlin.

A sensation was created in official Washington today by the receipt of the above report from Berlin that the Kaiser has abandoned his rights as war lord and conferred upon Chancellor Hertling the right to make peace with any or all of the entente allies.

While some were disposed to look upon the story simply as a bit of German trickery, designed to delay some anti-war move, and others merely as a technical step in the Hohenzollern peace move, it was generally conceded that the Kaiser's action, if actually taken, is the most important peace step that has developed.

More Reply to Allies.

If true, the report means that for the first time the Kaiser has abdicated his autocratic powers and devolved upon a so-called representative of the German people the right to make peace. This, in effect, is a move toward all that the allies have demanded as basis for preliminary conversations.

It is true that Hertling, like all his predecessors, has generally been classed as a Junker, a member of the extremist war party, and that he was appointed by the Kaiser. But it is pointed out that when he takes up the reins handed him by his Emperor he must either follow the dictates of the German people, who, as a whole, are not pledged to socialism, or step aside to make way for a man who will.

Answer to Lloyd George.
In many quarters the Kaiser's reported action is taken as a reply to Lloyd George's recent speech, in which he said the allies had never been averse to considering any reasonable peace proposal, coming from a proper source.

It is pointed out that the Kaiser by surrendering his rights and allowing his chancellor to guide the destinies of the empire in a peace conference, has made a long stride in the direction of demands of his foes. Since the start of the war the allies have shown a tendency to ignore Hohenzollernism, as something which must be eliminated before there can be a peace of any sort.

Replies to British Labor.

There is also seen an answer to the British Labor party's recent demand for a statement of war aims by both Germans and allies.

The dominant note in Arthur Henderson's recent plea was "The English laborers want to know what the German laborers think about it."

Then, too, the view is advanced that the naming of Hertling as representative of Germany in peace moves meets in part the statement of President Wilson, endorsed by all the allies, that no peace move can be considered unless advanced by responsible parties.

The President has said: "We are not at war with the German people." **Roumanian Move Significant.**
Much significance is seen in some quarters in the report, coming coincidentally, that King Ferdinand of Roumania has abdicated in favor of Charles, the crown prince. This, if true, would mean at least that the Hertling appointment is not merely a step in the Bolshevik conference, but that at all odds Roumanian—and, of course, possibly other countries—is being linked in the peace move with Russia. For it must be remembered that the abdication of Ferdinand was one of the actions which Germany demanded before discussing peace with Roumanian, probably because of the fierce hatred aroused in Prussia by the action of a Hohenzollern prince taking up arms against the Kaiser. Of particular interest in connection